

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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GREGGORY W. MORRIS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

HUNTER COLLEGE, et al.,

Defendants.
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20-CV-9632 (VSB)

ORDER

VERNON S. BRODERICK, United States District Judge:


On November 11, 2020, Plaintiff filed this action against Defendants Hunter College and City University of New York. (Doc. 1.) On November 23, 2020, Plaintiff amended his complaint. (Doc. 2.) On January 15, 2021, counsel appeared on behalf of Plaintiff. (Docs. 4–6). To date, Plaintiff has not obtained a summons, has not filed an affidavit of service, and has not taken any other action to prosecute this case. Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED that, no later than March 12, 2021, Plaintiff shall submit a letter of no more than three (3) pages, supported by legal authority, demonstrating good cause as to why this case should not be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m). “Good cause is generally found only in exceptional circumstances where the plaintiff’s failure to serve process in a timely manner was the result of circumstances beyond its control.” *E. Refractories Co. v. Forty Eight Insulations, Inc.*, 187 F.R.D. 503, 505 (S.D.N.Y. 1999) (internal quotation marks omitted). “District courts consider the diligence of plaintiff’s efforts to effect proper service and any prejudice suffered by the defendant as a consequence of the delay.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted). “An attorney’s inadvertence, neglect, mistake or misplaced reliance does not constitute good cause.” *Howard v. Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler*, 977 F.Supp. 654, 658

(S.D.N.Y.1997) (citing *McGregor v. United States*, 933 F.2d 156, 160 (2d Cir.1991), *aff'd*, 173 F.3d 844 (2d Cir.1999)). Plaintiff is warned that failure to submit a letter and to demonstrate good cause for failure to serve Defendants within ninety days after the complaint was filed will result in dismissal of this action.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 26, 2021
New York, New York


VERNON S. BRODERICK
United States District Judge